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The Hon. Mr. Dunn of Arkansas, in his opposition to the bill which recently passed the House of Representatives to attach the Chickasaw Nation to the U. S. District Court at Denison, and five counties of the Choctaw to the Court at Paris, Texas, seemingly favoring the establishment of a separate court for the Territory, spoke of the Territory as a corpse bound to his state, and of which he would like to be freed.

Mr. Perkins of Kansas reported a bill granting the right of way through the Indian Territory to the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Gulf Railroad. Placed on the House calendar.

On motion of Mr. Wellborn of Texas, a resolution was adopted authorizing the Committee on Indian Affairs to investigate all matters touching the leasing, sub-leasing and fencing of lands in the Indian Territory, and the disbursement of \$900,000 appropriated for the Cherokee Nation during the 47th Congress.

The bill granting the right of way through the Indian Territory to the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railroad Company, gave rise to a good deal of discussion. It was finally passed, after its consideration had consumed a greater part of the day.

The bill was also passed, granting the right of way through the Indian Territory to the Southern Kansas Railroad Company.

Sermon by the Rev. J. F. Thompson, At the Methodist Church, Sunday, May 25th, 1884, celebrating the Centenary of Methodism.

There are times when churches, as well as individuals and nations, may profitably pause in the hurrying highways of time, and take such lessons from the unreturning past as may better qualify them to grapple with the responsibilities of the future.

So the renowned lawgiver of the Hebrews, with adoring gratitude, reviews the unnumbered mercies of the past, and devoutly invokes the bestowment of continued and greater blessings for the coming years.

So, while the pulpits of American Methodism are ringing with recital of God's manifold blessings of the past 100 years, it becomes us to ask with becoming humility, "What hath God wrought?"

The Methodists began to preach in the United States in 1773, the Baptists in 1703, the Presbyterians in 1648, the Catholics, Lutherans and Episcopalians with the settlement of the country. So the Methodist is the youngest of the churches mentioned, being 134 years younger than the Baptist, 125 years younger than the Congregationalist, 70 years younger than the Presbyterian, while the Catholics, Episcopalians and Lutherans are as old as immigration to the American shores.

While this is so, the Methodist Church is by far the largest in numbers. The census-table shows she has one-third of all the church organizations in the United States; one-third of all the church edifices; preaches to one-fourth of all the church-going population; and has built on an average nearly two churches per day for the last twenty years. The Methodist population in the United States has increased from 1,500 in 1784 to 23,440,465 in 1884. In 22 of the 37 states in the Union, the Methodist Church is first in numbers; in 11 others she is second; in three others she is third. The Roman Catholic Church is first in five states; the Baptist is first in six; and the Congregationalist is first in four states.

In the year 1822 the Rev. Richard Neeley commenced to preach to the Cherokees in Alabama. Mr. Neeley's preaching was successful, and a class of 33 was formed. At the following session of the annual conference the Rev. A. J. Crawford was appointed missionary to the Cherokees, and with the approval of the chiefs in that part of the Nation, opened a school which met with much favor. Revivals of religion followed, and at the Conference of 1823, 108 full members were reported.

It is well known that the growth of the Roman Catholic Church is mainly sustained by immigration and the Presbyterian Church has received valuable accessions both of ministers and members from the same source.

It is equally well known that the Methodist Church has furnished recruits for all the other communions.

Methodism has not succeeded through superior educational facilities.

The success of Methodism did not arise from the possession of great wealth and social advantages. It sought out the common people in the highways and hedges.

Nor did it grow to greatness because the times were propitious. The time of its origin was of darkness, of infidelity, of rampant immoralities. We are then forced to the conclusion that Methodist success has been achieved: first, by the superiority of its doctrines, a free salvation, justification by faith, the new birth, the witness of the spirit have been widely proclaimed.

The superiority of its ecclesiastical organization. The Presbyterian Church has expended \$336,000 in gathering in a membership of 300 in the Indian Territory. The Methodist Church has expended about \$500,000 and show a membership of 6,200 within the limits of the five civilized tribes. Each member in the Presbyterian fold has cost their Mission Board \$1,120, while those in the Methodist were converted at the rate of \$80.20-31 per member.

The piety, earnestness and activity of its ministers and members. There was, Harrell, Cummings, Ruble, Berthoff, McAlister, and McSpadden who gave their all to the Master in labor for the good of the Indians. There was John F. Boat, Standing Man, Young Wolf, Turtle Fields, E. G. Smith, and Jack Foster, whose lives were a living testimony to the power of the religion of Jesus.

The baptism of the Holy Ghost firing the hearts and enlightening the minds of preachers and people. It is not by power, nor by might, but by my Spirit saith the Lord. As the earth is dependent on the sun for its beauty and fruitfulness, so the church has been, and is dependent on the light and warmth of the Holy Ghost to make it rejoice and blossom as the rose.

When the present has been achieved from insignificant beginning; what may we not hope for the future, if true to our ancient fame and worthy of our ancestral honors. The Lord God of your fathers make you a thousand times more as ye are, and bless you, as he hath promised you.

Shall we transmit to future generations, the priceless heritage received from the godly lines of fathers? Will we magnify the grace of God for their devotion and let us seek for the old path, and walk therein, earnestly contend for the faith, once delivered to God's people, faithfully guard the ninety and nine while seeking for the lost sheep. Let us by consecrating our bodies, souls, energies, influence and purse, all, all upon the altar of duty: let our light so shine that others seeing our good works, may glorify our Father in Heaven.

Oh! Thou High and Holy one, our fathers God! continue to us as thou hast promised.

Wave on! Banner of the crucified one! wave on! wave on! wave on! till thy ample folds shall flow in bloodless triumph over a regenerated world. Wave on, till the knowledge of the glory of our God, shall spread over the world, even as the waters cover the sea. Wave on, till all the Choirs of earth beautified, mingling with the angelic melody of the New Jerusalem, fill earth and heaven and sea and time and eternity, with the exultant hosanna "The Lord God omnipotent reigneth."

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JESSE COCHRAN, Post-office, Chelsea, I. T. Smooth crop off of left ear. Range—four miles west of Chelsea. POST & COREY, Post-office, Choteau, Kans. Smooth crop and underhack in each ear. E On right side. Also C on right side. Range on headwaters of Little Cabin creek. W. G. NELMS, Post-office, Vinita, I. T. Ranch on Rock Creek, Orange-National

G. M. McClellan, Post-office, Okmulgee, I. T. Few cows on left side. A few cattle brand on left side. Range—between Pryor's and Lightning creeks. M. W. COUGH, Post-office, Lightning Creek, I. T. G. M. McClellan, Post-office, Okmulgee, I. T. Ranch on Rock Creek, Orange-National

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G. W. GREEN, Post-office, Vinita, I. T. Crop off left ear and split in right ear. Range—On Jones creek, eight miles northeast of Vinita, I. T. JESSE B. MAYER, Post-office, Vinita, I. T. Brand on left ear and under the other.

A. P. GOODYKONTZ, Post-office, Vinita, I. T. Various marks and old brands. Range—On Pryor's creek, 15 miles west of Vinita, I. T. R. B. TAYLOR, Post-office, Vinita, I. T. Brand on both sides of ear and in right ear. Range, H. B. Mason, east creek.

W. C. PATTON & CO., Post-office, Vinita, I. T. Smooth crop in the left ear. Horses branded the same on the left hip. Range—Rock creek. B. F. MILSTED, Post-office, Prairie City, I. T. Branded on same hip as on the left side. Range, H. B. Mason, east creek.

NATHANIEL SKINNER, Post-office, Vinita, I. T. Under-shape in each ear. Range—Pryor's creek, 20 m. south of Vinita, near M. T. R. R. MOSES KEOKUK, Post-office, Sac and Fox Agency, I. T. Some cattle brand on left side. Range—On Little Cabin Creek, nine miles northeast of Vinita.

WM. DONALDSON, Post-office, Vinita, Ind. Terr. Some cattle brand on left side. Range—On Little Cabin Creek, nine miles northeast of Vinita. JOHN COUNTRYMAN, Post-office, Echo, I. T. Brand on left ear and under the other.

T. F. THOMPSON, P. O. Vinita, I. T. Range on Big Cabin Creek, 3 miles south of Vinita. LOUIS ROGERS, Post-office, Choteau, Kansas. Split in right ear and under the other.

W. T. DAVIS, P. O., Vinita, I. T. Range on Grand river between Cabin & Duck creeks. CHEROKEE ORPHAN ASYLUM, Mark, smooth crop in left ear and under the other.

W. R. HALSELL, Post-office, Vinita, I. T. Range on Big Cabin Creek, 3 miles south of Vinita. JANE CAPTAIN, Skiatook Post-office, C. N. Here brand same on left side.

W. H. MARKER, Post-office, Vinita, I. T. Crop off left ear, on left side. Range—Big Cabin Creek, 3 miles south of Vinita.

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